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My dear Mr. Sumner:

Your first book of Spanish Songs has come into my hands.

The songs are pregnant with the atmosphere of early California as one who must get his information by reading can picture it to himself.

I put them on a plane with Negro Spirituals, Sea Shanties, German Christmas songs or "Lieder". Do I place them properly? As such they fill a need I have felt for long.

Enclosed please find check  
for the cost of another  
"First Book." I am looking  
forward to further "Books".

Thanking you for courtesy, I am

Yours fellow Grammarian,

Ernest W. Storm

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Several I shall be able to  
use with school profile, some with  
a boy's chorus, and all for myself  
and personal enjoyment.

El Cuculit and El Zapatero  
will go well with scouts and so fill  
a very urgent need. The tendency  
is to give these boys cheap parodies  
and modern jazz. There is a  
crying need to give better music and  
yet singable homely songs.

Can you refer me to cow  
boy ballads or plainsongmen's songs from  
which selections can be made? The  
ballads can be found but not the  
music.